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XII COMMUNIST PLENUM

Attendance: 44 persons: 20 members of the Directorate and 24 delegates from cells.

Presiding officers: The discussions were under the immediate direction of Gilberto Vieira White, Jaime Barrios, and Filiberto Barrero.

Duration: From Wednesday, 10 November 1948, to Saturday, 20 November 1948.

Conclusions:

1. Labor Question:

- a. Organization of cells in every business enterprise, both urban and rural, and in the military units.
- b. The achieving of absolute control over the Confederation of Colombian Workers (CTC). Elimination of lack of discipline and local bosses in the federations. Special criticism of the FEDEPETROL. Revolutionary penetration of all labor unions in the country. Fight against clerical and landlord unionism. Campaign against the Minister of Labor. Fight against the Minister of Public Works.

2. Political Question:

- a. Special campaign for allying the workers, farm laborers, and soldiers.
- b. Relations and temporary alignment of the Party.
- c. Penetration of the Gaitanist movement.
- d. Effective work in preparation for going underground and continuing the Party illegally. Special passwords for ultrasecret meetings. Absolutely only the old members to be trusted.
- e. Continuous campaign against the state of siege and opposition to the present Government. (Washington Comment. The state of siege was lifted 16 December.) Demonstrations and meetings in violation of the state of siege.

3. Military Question:

- a. "The best youth cadres for the campaign for penetration of the Army."
- b. Penetration among soldiers and noncommissioned officers.
- c. Instruction in street fighting and guerilla warfare.

4. Question of Studies and Instruction:

Intensification by every means of Marxist education. Required study of the Party literature and especially of the pamphlets, "Communist Manifesto", "What is Communism", and "Bases of the Chinese Revolution".

5. Agitation and Propaganda:

Publicizing the PCC slogans. Obligatory support of Vanguardia del Pueblo. Every cell of the Party must contribute to the newspaper. The cells must buy the pamphlets issued by the Directorate in advance. Defaulters will be punished by public expulsion.

6. Financial Question:

Payment of the fixed as well as extraordinary quotas must be enforced. The

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Party needs funds urgently for support of the publicity organs, officers' salaries, office expenses. The National Committee needs space for its committees. "The conditions of the country demand mobilization on a permanent basis".

7. Security Question:

Create a super-secret Party information Service. Use every means to develop a campaign against the "public order" unit of the National Police. Special fight against the "syndical gestapo".

8. Internal Control

Discipline: special campaign of discipline within the Party. Absolute loyalty to leaders. Definite rejection of the "unification" campaigns of the PCO lead by "the renegade, Augusto Duran". Strict adherence to the Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist principles.

9. Against Leftist Sectarianism:

Criticism of extremists such as Raum Alameda, who are attempting to discredit the National Directorate "because it did not assassinate the Party on 9 April".

10. Expulsion:

Ratification of the expulsion of Rafael Atehortua Lopez of Barrancabermeja "for having joined the Duran traitors".

11. International Relations:

Continuous campaigns to bring about closer relations with neighboring parties and extra care to defend leaders who visit Colombia.

12. Acclamation of the Present Directorate:

The present National Directorate received the support of the XII Plenum.

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